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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND PRESS BRIEFING ON CALLAGHAN-
KISSINGER MEETING LONDON, AUGUST 5, 1976

Q. BOB, TALKING ABOUT THE MARCH STATEMENT, WHAT DO YOU
MEAN WHEN YOU SAY TRANSLATED INTO MORE CONCRETE AND
PRACTICAL FORM, IS THAT DEALING WITH THE PAYOFF OF THE
FINANCIAL FUND FOR WHITE RHODESIANS?

A. AS I RECALL, THE THRUST OF THE BRITISH STATEMENT OF
MARCH 22 WAS A RAPID MOVE TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN
RHODESIA WITH PROTECTION FOR MINORITY RIGHTS IN GENERAL
TERMS. OBVIOUSLY TO MOVE TOWARDS THAT THERE ARE A LOT
OF SPECIFIC POINTS. EMPHASIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN BOTH BY
THE BRITISH AND BY OURSELVES THAT IN MOVING TOWARDS
MAJORITY RULE THERE ALSO BE PROTECTION OF MINORITY
RIGHTS. ON BACKGROUND, AS YOU KNOW, THE HOPE IS THAT
MOVING QUICKLY TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE AT THIS TIME THE
BLACKS AND THE WHITES WILL LIVE TOGETHER.

Q. ON BACKGROUND?

A. YES.

Q. HAS HE MET WITH ANY OFFICIALS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA?

A. NO.

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Q. WHO IS HE MEETING WITH NOW?

A. MR. MAUDLING.

Q. WHAT ABOUT?

A. THEY'RE CLOSE FRIENDS.

Q. WHY WAS BILL ROGERS IN THERE?

A. MR. ROGERS IS THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE IS GOING OUT TO TEHRAN FOR THE MEETING THERE.

Q. THE FINANCIAL ASPECT OF THIS WAS DISCUSSED THIS MORNING?

A. I WASN'T AT THE MEETING AND I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO TALK ABOUT IT IN DETAIL.

Q. TO SAY THEY DISCUSSED THE LUSAKA PROPOSALS, WELL THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THAT BEFORE. DID THEY MAKE ANY ADVANCE ON PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS?

A. THE SECRETARY OBVIOUSLY BROUGHT HIM UP TO DATE ON THE TALKS HE'S BEEN HAVING BOTH WITH BLACK LEADERS AND WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. (INAUDIBLE).

Q. IS THERE NOW A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO SHOW MR. VORSTER, MR. SMITH THE BLACKS AND OTHERS THEIR REACTIONS?

A. I BELIEVE NOT. I AM NOT GOING TO CHARACTERISE THE TALKS BEYOND....

Q. IS THERE ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT MR. SCHAUFELLE WILL BE VISITING SOUTH AFRICA?

A. THAT IS A POSSIBILITY.

Q. BOB, THERE WAS SOMETHING YESTERDAY THAT MR. CALLAGHAN' SPECIFIC PROPOSAL (INAUDIBLE)...IN PARLIAMENT MARCH 22. WERE YOU ADVISED PRIVATELY OF THE FUND AT THAT TIME? DO YOU THINK THERE WAS GOING TO BE A FUND INTO WHICH THEY'D PAY THE MONEY?

A. WELL, ON CHECKING IT, I DON'T BELIEVE IT CAME UP ON MARCH 22, OR THAT...

Q. DID NOT? THE SECRETARY SEEMED TO THINK THAT IT HAD.

A.IT HAD BEEN MENTIONED PUBLICLY. ON BACKGROUND, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN VERY GENERAL TERMS PUBLICLY IN THE CONTEXT OF PROTECTION OF THE WHITE MINORITY. I EMPHASIZE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN WORKING OUT A SOLUTION ON RHODESIA BY WHICH BOTH THE BLACKS AND THE WHITES WOULD REMAIN IN RHODESIA AND WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY.

Q. HAVE THE BRITISH INVITED US TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS
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FUND? ANY FUND?

A. NO, THEY HAVE NOT.

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